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# H.Con.Res. 52 – Supporting the Goals and Ideals of American Heart Month

#### **Floor Situation**

H.Con.Res. 52 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA) on January 31, 2007, and has not been considered by any committee in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress.

H.Con.Res. 52 is expected to be considered on the floor on February 27, 2007.

## Summary

H.Con.Res. 52 resolves that the House of Representatives supports the goals and ideals of American Heart Month.

## **Background**

Every year since 1964, the President has issued a proclamation designating February as "American Heart Month," which "urges the people of the United States to recognize the nationwide problem of heart and blood vessel diseases and to support all essential programs required to solve the problem."

An estimated 79 million adult Americans, nearly one in every 3, have 1 or more types of heart disease, including high blood pressure, coronary heart disease, congestive heart failure, stroke, and congenital heart defects.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States.

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